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Re: Practice / Games – 55-minute end-time

Good morning Team Personnel,

**Please note that the rental for games and practices is 55 minutes (not 1-hour) from the scheduled start time.**

**For practices**, this means a 2:15 PM practice ends at 3:10 PM at which point the team is to end their activity, gather their things, and start exiting the field so that the 3:15 PM practice starts on time with no distractions or additional persons on the field. The next team(s) entering the field to practice may enter 5 minutes prior to their scheduled start time to get established, warm-up, and set up their practice.

**As for games**, with a 2:15 PM game it needs to be ending at 3:10 PM as well. The referee blows the final whistle and during the last 5 minutes, teams are shaking hands/gathering their things/exiting the field promptly. At the same time during those 5 minutes, the next team(s) are coming onto the field and warming up, referee is getting ready for the next start time, and soccer centre staff may be on the field doing a field/net changeover.

**The last 5-minutes of every hour booking is a shared space of the ending teams leaving and the starting teams entering the field at the same time and is vital to ensuring the schedule of events stays on time throughout the day/evening.**

The referee should be blowing their whistle and commencing the game at the scheduled start time (or within the minute), and ending the game 55-minutes into the hour, meaning the half time and/or halves are cut short depending on when the game starts to ensure a prompt end time at 55-minutes.

**Late Charges** - The soccer centre is logging instances of late occurrences and informing SYSI staff as they occur. Between now and end of December, SYSI will be informing associations and their team personnel of any late instances brought to our attention. Beginning in January, the soccer centre (SSCI) will be implementing late fees which SYSI will pass down to offending Zones or Community Associations responsible for teams not exiting the field on time.

SYSI will aim to inform Zones of any occurrences within 72 hours, however we were just notified of instances occurring in October which we will be sharing with applicable associations as well. Association(s) or the referee responsible for the lateness of game ending or teams exiting from a practice will be forwarded the charges experienced by SYSI beginning in January 2024.

Late fees will be at the rate of \$3.75 per minute per quarter field or \$7.50 per minute per half field beyond the 1-hour and will be verified through Live Barn footage based on when the last player and/or team personnel has exited the field.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter in ensuring groups are respectful of other bookings and are ensuring they are exiting the field/sidelines promptly.

Sincerely,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.